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SUBJECT: ECOSOC - COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND
PLANNING.

FOLLOWING IS DRAFT RES SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT CONCERNING
CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING ROLE IN VANCOUVER
CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
REQUESTED. IF ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE, RES WOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO SECOND COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AT GA XXVIII:

THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING
BEING AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES POSED BY POPULATION
GROWTH AND THE RAPID URBANIZATION PROCESSES CALLING
FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE
MAJORITY OF POPULATION LIVING IN SETTLEMENTS UNDER
CONDITIONS BELOW HUMAN DIGNITY AND MINIMUM
BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS,

NOTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3001 DECIDING
TO HOLD A GLOBAL CONFERENCE/EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
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ALSO NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE OFFER OF THE CANADIAN

GOVERNMENT TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME AND PARTICULARLY PARTS RELATING TO THE PREPARATORY PROCESSES FOR THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION,

BEARING IN MIND THE VAST KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERTISE GATHERED OVER THE YEARS BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST EFFICIENCY IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESSES TO THE CONFERENCE, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS AT MINIMUM COST,

TAKING NOTE OF THE SIX CONFERENCE THEMES FORMULATED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST SESSION,

EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR FURTHER ELABORATION OF THOSE THEMES PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON (1) THE PROBLEMS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION, AND PRODUCTIVE FORCES, HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF SETTLEMENT NETWORK AND APPROPRIATE LAND USE POLICIES TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES OF THE SETTLEMENTS; (2) THE PROBLEMS OF LOW COST HOUSING, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE LOWEST INCOME GROUPS IN URBAN AND RURAL SETTLEMENTS; (3) THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES FOR HOUSING AND ALL RELATED FACILITIES TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF THE NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES OF COUNTRIES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT; (4) FINDING WAYS AND MEANS OF OVERCOMING BOTTLENECKS OF FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL CHARACTER; (5) ESTABLISHING A MACHINERY FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND TRANSFER OF KNOWHOW AND TECHNOLOGY ON A CONTINUING BASIS,

DECIDES TO RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE CONSIDERING IN NOVEMBER 1973 THE REPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION:

1. THAT THE WIDE RANGE OF EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING BE FULLY UTILIZED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION;

2. THAT THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

PROVIDE THE SUBSTANTIVE INPUT WITHIN ITS COMPETENCE
INTO THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION;

3. THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE AT THE COST OF ITS PRESENT
ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT BY ADJUSTING THE ONGOING
RESEARCH PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE;

4. THAT SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES BE PLACED
AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CENTRE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE
INPUT TO THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION;

5. THAT THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT AND THE CENTRE BE CLEARLY
DEFINED; THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT BEING RESPONSIBLE
FOR CO-ORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION; THE CENTRE FOR
HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR
ALL THE SUBSTANTIVE INPUT FOR THE CONFERENCE INCLUDING THE
CO-ORDINATION OF INPUTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES; SUCH A DIVISION WOULD AVOID
DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND MAXIMIZE THE EXISTING RESOURCES
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE EXPOSITION.

6. THAT A REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT ITS
NEXT SESSION ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED. BASSIN

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